

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 139th Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May 2006

Present:

D Hickman (Chairman)	J Vernall
J Hooker	P Lincoln-Lewis
S Shaw	P Tricklebank
J Mathews	
S Hanley (Redditch Borough Council)	

1. **Apologies from:** Mike Chalk – Borough Councillor, Mrs A Pulsford – Borough Councillor
2. **Welcome**
3. **Declaration of Interest in any item on the agenda** – J Mathews was involved in the Parish Plan Committee.
4. **Approve Minutes of 138th Ordinary Meeting held 16th March 2006:**
Proposed by J Vernall and seconded by P Lincoln-Lewis, the minutes were signed as approved.
5. **Matters arising from Minutes of 138th Ordinary Meeting :**
 - 4.1 Kissing Gate and Sign Written to Miller Homes again but no response. Doug will give them a call.
 - 4.2 Affordable Housing Update E Marks present to give an update. Legal work being finalised with landowner. Agreement to purchase land if it gets planning permission and subject to site investigation and surveys. They hope to exchange contracts at the end of the month. Need to determine mix of needs for sale/rent. Letters going out to those who have expressed an interest. This will include a questionnaire to find type of mix required. Deadline of 9th of June for return of questionnaire. Once these are analysed the architect will be commissioned. Redditch BC will send clerk copy of questionnaire. Elaine happy to attend next meeting to update on plans etc. Need for a further exhibition, which includes day time and evening viewing. Got an allocation of money for the scheme.
 - 4.3 Presentation by Claire Boylan. Attempts to contact Claire to ascertain why she did not attend last meeting, as promised, have failed. Complaints about dog fouling in the village continue. S Hanley will arrange for C Boylan to come along during the day with enforcement officers to have the hot spots identified. Also a complaint about position of dog mess bin, which is affecting vision for motorists. Prefer it behind the phone box. Requests for one in Moors Lane.
 - 4.4 Vehicle speeds in village. Clerk contacted the constable who agreed to arrange some speed checks. These have taken place. Thanks to PC Waterhouse with request that this should continue.
6. **Parish Plan Survey – Update**
Carried over to next meeting. Had a meeting in the village at the week end
7. **Feckenham Register Update**
Quote from the print room at Redditch Borough Council of £136 for 450 copies. Thanks to Brian for the update information he provided. Proposal by S Shaw that the quote be accepted
Seconded J Hooker. Agreed by all.

8. Report from County Councillor

Not present

9. Report from Borough Councillor (s)

Mike Chalk – Borough Councillor and Mrs A Pulsford – Borough Councillor presented their apologies to the meeting that they could not attend. Sue Hanley gave a short report. After the recent election, control of council has changed and permission for the Abbey Stadium development has been refused. Brian Robson asked the meeting to note that Jackie Smith MP has changed the dates of her surgeries for the next two months.

10. Financial Report: Clerk

- 10.1 Report on accounts provided with the agenda
- 10.2 Invoices – Insurance Payment proposed by P Tricklebank and S Shaw seconded. Agreed by all.
- 10.3 Clerk Salary and Expenses Payment proposed by P Tricklebank and P Lincoln-Lewis seconded. Agreed by all.
- 10.4 Petty cash Payment proposed by P Tricklebank and S Shaw seconded. Agreed by all.
- 10.5 Annual Audit. A Notice will be placed on the notice board saying if anyone wants to see the accounts they should contact the clerk who will arrange an appointment to see the accounts at the Chair's house where they can view the accounts or get a copy. Richard Fletcher Internal auditor will audit the accounts and then they go to Clement Keys as external auditor. Published in Feckenham Newsletter when audited and also on web site.

11. Correspondence received:

- 11.1 Copies of Newslite
- 11.2 Mission Impossible Action pack
- 11.3 Focus Newsletter
- 11.4 Minutes of the Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 13th March
- 11.5 Minutes of the Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 24th April
- 11.6 Minutes of the Meeting of Redditch B C Standards Committee 29th March
- 11.7 Campaign to Protect Rural England – AGM 21st May 2006 Issue raised is there prospect of a travellers site locally. No information available.
- 11.8 Worcestershire Wardens
- 11.9 Defra Letter. Permits Parish Councils to issue fixed penalty notices for offences such as dog fouling, littering, dogs not being controlled properly etc. Request that Clerk obtain a copy of the Guide. Could issue notices through Redditch Borough Council Officers. It is in the Parish Plan that residents are complaining about dog fouling. J Mathews will raise the issue with the Parish Plan Committee at their next meeting. There followed a discussion on the appointment of a representative from the Parish Council to the Parish Plan Committee. Parish Plan Committee is under the impression that the Parish Council had already appointed a representative to the meeting but no such request has been received by the Parish Council. J Mathews will raise the issue with the Parish Plan Committee at their next meeting and clarify the situation with them. Issue raised of a Fly Post opposite the Rose and Crown Fly. D Hickman explained that it is not a fly post but an official notice that someone is working there.
- 11.10 British Red Cross – Appeal for volunteers Newsletter
- 11.11 Worcestershire CC – Public Path Orders
- 11.12 Borough of Redditch Local Plan No 3 – Inspector's Report
- 11.13 Worcestershire Mail
- 11.14 Local Authority Byelaws in England – Discussion Paper
- 11.15 Ofcom – Removing public call boxes a guide to the rules
- 11.16 Village Hall Invoice for £40.50. Proposal from P Lincoln Lewis that this be paid S Shaw seconded the proposal. Agreed unanimously.

12. Correspondence sent:

12.1 Miller Homes Kissing Gate and Sign. Already discussed.

13. Planning Applications

13.1 Received and Reviewed

13.1.1 The Old House – conversion of 2 buildings to residential use

13.1.2 Berrow Hill farm – steel framed building

13.1.3 Land adjacent Windmill Cottage – 2 No.detached dwellings. Not in Feckenham Parish

13.1.4 Brook House – Reinstatement of porch

13.2 Decision Received

14. Items for next agenda

Calor Gas Village of the Year

Flower Tubs on Corner

White Lines at Ham Green

Millennium Bench

15. Dates of meetings for 2006/7

20 July 2006,

21 Sept 2006,

16 Nov 2006,

18 Jan 2007,

15 Mar 2007 and

17 May 2007 AGM.

Meeting closed 9.50pm